

**City Attorney.** City Attorney Michael Bailey serves as general counsel for the City and manages the City Attorney's Office. In addition to these administrative duties, and consistent with the Council's expressed desire, Mr. Bailey continues to actively engage in the practice of law, directing larger economic development matters, negotiating complex transactional agreements, advising the City Manager and Department Heads, and providing legal guidance for the policy decisions of Council. Mr. Bailey attended Chapman University and the Chapman University School of Law. Mr. Bailey also holds a Masters of Public Administration from American Public University. He is admitted to practice in Arizona and California

**Civil Division.** The Civil Division is composed of Deputy City Attorney Julie Kriegh, Assistant City Attorneys James Gruber and Misty Leslie, and Police Legal Advisor Harold Brady. Keri Fernandez is the Executive Administrative Assistant and provides administrative support for the Civil Division. This team works closely with all of the City Departments to address the legal needs of the City in the most expeditious and beneficial manner.

Julie Kriegh joined the Office in September, 2006 as Deputy City Attorney. Ms. Kriegh came to the City with municipal experience having worked in various City Attorney capacities with the Town of Chino Valley and the City of Mesa. Ms. Kriegh attended Northern Arizona University and the University Of Denver School Of Law. She is admitted to practice law in Colorado and Arizona.

James Gruber joined the Office in October, 2006 as Assistant City Attorney. Mr. Gruber previously was an associate at the Scottsdale law firm of Sacks Tierney P.A., practicing in the areas of commercial litigation and real estate. Mr. Gruber represents the City in the drafting and negotiation of major contractual agreements, including the Asante Arsenic Treatment Development Agreement and the intergovernmental agreement that brought Rio Salado College to the Surprise City Hall campus. In addition, Mr. Gruber has appeared before state and federal courts in various litigation matters. Mr. Gruber is a native of Tempe, Arizona and attended Boston College and Georgetown University Law Center.

Misty Leslie joined the Office in June, 2007. She has represented various municipal and state agencies for almost a decade, serving as outside and in-house counsel during that time. Ms. Leslie has a wide range of experience, including litigation, personal injury, employment law, and contract drafting and negotiation. She works primarily with Human Resources, the Fire and Police Department, and the City Court. Ms. Leslie is an honors graduate of both Chadron State College and Creighton University School of Law.

Harold Brady joined the City in June, 2010. He is a retired Lieutenant having served as the Legal Advisor for the Glendale Police Department for 30 years. Mr. Brady works primarily with the Police Department as the Police Legal Advisor. He is a graduate of U.S. International University and the Arizona State University College of Law.

Keri Fernandez joined the City in May 2007. Ms. Fernandez is the primary point of contact for the Civil Division and for legal review of public records requests. Ms. Fernandez came to the City having worked as a Judicial Assistant within the Maricopa County Superior Courts and as a paralegal in the private sector. Keri is a native of Arizona.